

MINUTES OF THE
MAG REGIONAL AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN POLICY COMMITTEE

Maricopa Association of Governments Office
302 North 1st Avenue, Ste. 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

July 28, 2000

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Chair, Glendale
*Councilmember Wayne Fischer, Carefree
Councilmember Donna Wallace, Chandler
Councilmember Dave Crozier, Gilbert
Councilmember Ken Porter for Mayor Bill Arnold,
Goodyear
Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa
Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Councilmember George Zraket, Scottsdale
*Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
Councilmember Lon McDermott, Wickenburg
Supervisor Fulton Brock, Maricopa County
Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, City of Phoenix
*Gary Adams, Arizona Department of
Transportation
*Richard Dykas, Federal Aviation Administration
Lt. Colonel Ken Klesner, Arizona Air National
Guard
Terry Hansen, Luke Air Force Base

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Greg Chenoweth, Chandler
Steve Methvin, Glendale
Amy Rudibaugh, Glendale
Paul Gardner, Peoria
David Kreitor, Phoenix
John D. Solomon, Phoenix
Lynn Timmons, Phoenix

Marsha Wallace, Phoenix
Peggy Carpenter, Scottsdale
Odvar Tveit, Tempe
Shannon Wilhelmsen, Tempe
Harry Wolfe, MAG
George Sullivan, Consultant
Chuck Willis, GRW Willis Inc.
Wayne Lindquist, Airport Solutions

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Elaine Scruggs.

2. Review of Minutes of June 5, 2000

It was moved by Councilmember Donna Wallace, seconded by Mayor Keno Hawker and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of June 5, 2000.

3. Overview of the Regional Aviation System Planning Process

MAG staff provided a brief overview of the Regional Aviation System Planning process to provide a sense of perspective of what MAG is trying to accomplish by updating its MAG RASP.

4. Review of Scope of Work for the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update

Harry Wolfe provided a chronology of events regarding the Scope of Work for the MAG RASP Update. He reviewed the four attachments that accompanied the Agenda and explained that:

1. Attachment One contained the Scope of Work developed by GRW Willis after modifications to address airspace enhancements requested by the MAG RASP Consultant Review Group.
2. Attachment Two contained proposed additions to the Scope of Work provided by the City of Tempe at the June 5, 2000 meeting of the MAG RASP Policy Committee.
3. Attachment Three contained GRW Willis' response to the Scope of Work additions proposed by Tempe.
4. Attachment Four contained a MAG staff recommendation on how to proceed with changes to the Scope of Work.

Councilmember Peggy Bilsten indicated that many of the recommendations made by Tempe on additions to the scope of work had already been done by the City of Phoenix and that the aviation department would be happy to share that information with MAG to avoid duplication of effort.

Mayor Giuliano suggested that the Policy Committee move forward with the staff recommendation and that staff meet with Phoenix aviation department staff to acquire information on Sky Harbor to avoid duplication of effort.

Mayor Hawker asked if MAG staff would be using data available from Williams Gateway Airport studies for the MAG RASP. Mr. Wolfe responded that he would be using those studies as well to avoid duplication of effort.

Terry Hansen said that Luke Air Force Base needed to have adequate room to perform its mission as other airports grow. He said that today's airspace is adequate, but that a loss of any additional airspace would interfere with Luke's ability to carry out its mission. He recommended that the RASP take a close look at airspace issues.

Mayor Elaine Scruggs asked if the six items submitted by Luke for addition to the Scope of Work met the Air Force's needs. Mr. Hansen replied that those items did address Luke's concerns.

Mayor Keegan said that he supported incorporation of the additional airspace issues raised by Luke Air Force Base into the MAG RASP Update.

It was suggested that MAG staff revise the scope of work and another meeting of the MAG RASP Policy Committee be held. Mayor Keno Hawker suggested as an alternative that MAG staff meet with the City of Phoenix Aviation staff and obtain any necessary information and incorporate it in the MAG RASP Update. Mayor Neil Giuliano indicated that such an approach was acceptable to him.

Mayor Scruggs summarized the actions that would be undertaken. She indicated that:

- a. MAG staff would meet with Phoenix staff to collect any information available for incorporation into the MAG RASP to avoid duplication of effort.
- b. The recommendation from the State Aeronautics Division to include recreational aviation in the MAG RASP would be incorporated into the scope.
- c. The recommended changes to the scope of work from Mr. Wolfe's memo be incorporated into the scope of work except for those items which had already been done by the City of Phoenix.

It was moved by Mayor Giuliano seconded by Mayor Keegan and unanimously carried to approve the revisions to the Scope of Work.

5. Recommendation of Consultant to Undertake the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update

Harry Wolfe reported that on March 28, 2000, a multi agency consultant review group, made up of volunteers of MAG member agencies, held interviews with two consulting firms who had responded to a Request for Proposals for the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan (RASP) Update — GRW Willis and Michael Baker, Inc. He indicated that the Review Group recommended that GRW Willis be selected to undertake the study subject to refinement of the Scope of Work as it relates to the airspace analysis, enhanced use of graphics, and more specificity on the tasks outlined in their proposal. Mr. Wolfe also noted that the consultant incorporated the recommended changes into its scope of work for the study, and the MAG RASP Consultant Review Group accepted those changes. He noted that the changes agreed to by the MAG RASP Policy Committee would also be incorporated into the Scope of Work. It was moved by Councilmember Bilsten, seconded by Mayor Keegan to approve the selection of GRW Willis to undertake the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update.

5. Study Assumptions

Harry Wolfe noted that on June 5, 2000 the MAG RASP Policy Committee reviewed a basic set of study assumptions to guide the consultant that would carry out the MAG RASP Update. He said that no comments were provided and the study assumptions were adopted. He noted that because of the shortage of time available at the meeting to give full consideration to the implications of the assumptions, the Policy Committee was given an additional opportunity to comment on the assumptions.

David Kreitor suggested that as long as additional capacity issues were being raised that the elimination of the eastbound procedure (4 DME) from Sky Harbor should also be examined. Mayor

Neil Giuliano noted that the Intergovernmental Agreement provided for the procedure and that there was no reason to change it.

Mayor Keno Hawker stated that since there is already a binding agreement between Tempe and Phoenix that it should be honored in the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan Update.

7. Results of the July 6, 2000 meeting of the Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group

Harry Wolfe reported that Mr. Gus Nazer, local Federal Aviation Chief of the Phoenix Terminal Radar Approach Control initiated the formation of a Phoenix Airspace Users Working Group (PAUWG) to provide a forum to offer input to the FAA on airspace issues. He added that the Committee was comprised of representatives of airspace users, such as airlines, pilot groups, etc. as well as representatives of local governments in Maricopa County.

Mr. Wolfe stated that on July 6, 2000 the PAUWG convened to discuss the major issues to be addressed by the group during the coming year; and that MAG staff recommended that consideration be given to identifying airspace compatibility criteria that could be used to help evaluate proposals to build new airports or expand existing ones.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.